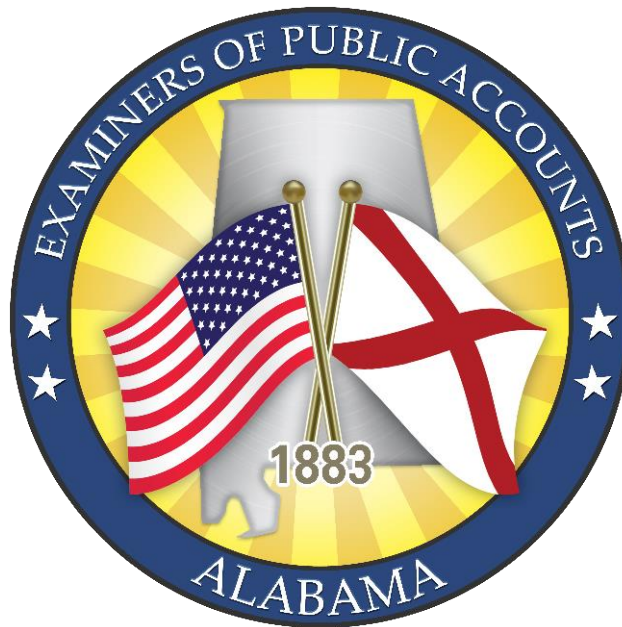


Report on the

# **Special Report on Public Education Institutions' Legal Expenses, Judgments and Awards**

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Representative John Rogers  
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Dear Representative Rogers:

Transmitted herewith is a Special Report on Public Education Institutions' Legal Expenses, Judgments and Awards, prepared by the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts. The exhibits included in this report were prepared from unaudited data furnished by 40 public education institutions in Alabama in response to a request for amounts that were paid for legal expenses, judgments, and awards during the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Included is comparative information for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 fiscal years.

Please contact me if you need further assistance.

Sincerely

Rachel Laurie Riddle  
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Enclosure

# Summary

The accompanying information on public education institutions' legal expenses, judgments and awards was obtained as a result of requests made to all postsecondary institutions, universities, the Alabama Industrial Development Training Institute, the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind, and Marine Environmental Sciences Consortium.

	<u>Number</u>				
Postsecondary Institutions	26				
Universities	11				
Other Education Institutions	3				
Total	<u>40</u>				

2017-2018 FY	2018-2019 FY	2019-2020 FY	The following exhibits are included in this report:		
<b><u>Postsecondary Institutions</u></b>					
Legal Expenses	\$ 686,500.66	\$ 2,462,804.64	\$ 2,174,950.65	Exhibit #1	Legal expenses, judgments and awards paid by Postsecondary Institutions. Included are the amounts for the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2020.
Awards	5,421.39	86,320.37	280,346.70		
Totals	<u>\$ 691,922.05</u>	<u>\$ 2,549,125.01</u>	<u>\$ 2,455,297.35</u>		
<b><u>Universities</u></b>					
Legal Expenses	\$ 15,868,420.28	\$ 15,407,130.44	\$ 16,480,857.27	Exhibit #2	Legal expenses, judgments and awards paid by Universities. Included are the amounts for the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2020.
Awards	840,591.59	238,700.90	1,005,650.92		
Totals	<u>\$ 16,709,011.87</u>	<u>\$ 15,645,831.34</u>	<u>\$ 17,486,508.19</u>		
<b><u>Other Education Institutions</u></b>					
Legal Expenses	\$ 78,088.74	\$ 104,894.23	\$ 81,386.77	Exhibit #3	Legal expenses, judgments and awards paid by Other Education Institutions. Included are the amounts for the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2020.
Awards		410,000.00	30,000.00		
Totals	<u>\$ 78,088.74</u>	<u>\$ 514,894.23</u>	<u>\$ 111,386.77</u>		

***Postsecondary Institutions' Legal Expenses, Judgments and Awards***  
***October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2020***

Institution	2017-2018 FY		2018-2019 FY		2019-2020 FY	
	Expenses	Awards	Expenses	Awards	Expenses	Awards
Alabama Community College System Office	\$	\$	\$ 1,797,146.53	\$	\$ 1,628,393.01	\$
Bevill State Community College	22,504.61				2,251.35	
Bishop State Community College	97,707.99	709.50	69,686.16	18,322.00	90,607.42	
John C. Calhoun Community College	23,728.00		1,035.17			
Central Alabama Community College	40,908.41		46,903.20		24,439.97	
Chattahoochee Valley Community College						
Coastal Alabama Community College	53,000.89		183,113.91	55,067.17	249,674.91	
J. F. Drake State Technical College	90,781.35		20,544.00	10,000.00		
Enterprise State Community College			27,185.95			
Gadsden State Community College			4,950.00	587.35		
J. F. Ingram State Technical College	15,501.63		14,199.98		32,725.35	
Jefferson State Community College					450.00	280,346.70
T. A. Lawson State Community College	18,467.45					
Lurleen B. Wallace Community College			5,578.45		7,083.71	
Marion Military Institute					19,555.64	
Northeast Alabama Community College						
Northwest-Shoals Community College	111,248.33		41,581.17		43,479.03	
Reid State Technical College						
Shelton State Community College	35,893.31	3,400.00	57,921.62		48,466.15	
Snead State Community College	31,191.45					
Southern Union State Community College			56,356.04		4,419.36	
H. Councill Trenholm State Technical College			104,351.84	2,343.85		
George C. Wallace Community College - Dothan						
Wallace State Community College - Hanceville	89,876.21		32,250.62		23,404.75	
George Corley Wallace State Community College - Selma	55,691.03	1,311.89				
Alabama Technology Network						
Total	\$ 686,500.66	\$ 5,421.39	\$ 2,462,804.64	\$ 86,320.37	\$ 2,174,950.65	\$ 280,346.70

**Note:** Amounts under \$15,000 are included if provided.

***Universities' Legal Expenses, Judgments and Awards  
October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2020***

Institution	2017-2018 FY		2018-2019 FY		2019-2020 FY	
	Expenses	Awards	Expenses	Awards	Expenses	Awards
Alabama A&M University	\$ 759,831.54	\$ -	\$ 851,616.73	\$ -	\$ 720,420.81	\$ -
Alabama State University	657,032.22		792,972.71		664,773.32	
Athens State University	31,893.77	2,528.77	74,999.27		43,932.55	
Auburn University	4,619,855.00	830,437.00	3,299,024.74	234,630.50	4,616,643.14	677,200.00
Jacksonville State University	385,555.45		475,615.19		772,082.00	50,000.00
Troy University System	28,250.59	1,656.50	103,793.82	1,776.86	92,639.45	228,450.92
University of Alabama System	7,194,374.45	5,969.32	7,668,979.53	2,293.54	7,719,656.19	
University of Montevallo	91,513.28		49,798.66		55,299.26	50,000.00
University of North Alabama	534,877.44		563,367.93		474,232.80	
University of South Alabama	1,472,097.54		1,459,384.00		1,272,326.36	
University of West Alabama	93,139.00		67,577.86		48,851.39	
Total	\$ 15,868,420.28	\$ 840,591.59	\$ 15,407,130.44	\$ 238,700.90	\$ 16,480,857.27	\$ 1,005,650.92

**Note:** Amounts under \$15,000 are included if provided.

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***Other Education Institutions' Legal Expenses, Judgments and Awards***  
***October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2020***

Institution	2017-2018 FY		2018-2019 FY		2019-2020 FY	
	Expenses	Awards	Expenses	Awards	Expenses	Awards
Alabama Industrial Development Training Institute	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind	78,088.74		104,894.23	410,000.00	81,386.77	30,000.00
Marine Environmental Sciences Consortium						
Total	<u>\$ 78,088.74</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 104,894.23</u>	<u>\$ 410,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 81,386.77</u>	<u>\$ 30,000.00</u>

**Note:** Amounts under \$15,000 are included if provided.